

MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP
OPEN SPACE & FARMLAND PRESERVATION COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 23, 2011

Ms. Butch called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

The Secretary read the Adequate Notice.

Roll Call

Present: (6) Asprocolas, Blanco (arrived 7:38 pm), Butch, Denardo, Kuczinski, Siedman

Absent: (5) Kau, Marra, Morelli, Romano, Schloss

Public Comment Session: No public in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

A Motion was made by Mr. Denardo with a Second offered by Mr. Asprocolas to approve the May 26, 2011. Roll call vote:

Ayes: (4) Denardo, Asprocolas, Butch, Siedman

Nays: (0)

Correspondence

- **Monmouth County Greentable:** Putting the "Ease" Back in Stewarding Your Municipal Easements. The Greentable will be held on Tuesday, July 12th, from 8:30 am to 10:00 am at the Freehold Township Municipal Building and will be presented by Ms. Butch and Ms. D'Andrea.

Old Business

- **Trails**
 - *Industrial Park:* Nothing new to report.
 - *White Birch Trail Grant:* The \$25K grant has been approved. The Trailblazers have visited the site to begin planning the trail and will be ordering materials.
- **Trail Grant Work:** The work is complete. Ms. Butch will be compiling necessary information to submit for reimbursement. Grant funding paid for trail marking material and survey work. Volunteers cleared the trail.
- **Education Process/Open Space Property Acquisition:** The original document was revised and sent to Ms. Butch and Mr. Kuczinski for review on June 17th. Mr. Kuczinski clarified that potential preservation acquisitions are presented to the Township Committee with information about funding partnerships and available grants. Upon approval of the Township Committee to move forward, the Township attorney will draw up an option agreement with right of first refusal.

New Business

- **Change in Secretary Position:** The Secretary's time dedicated to the Open Space Council has been impacted and responsibilities now encompass assisting both the Tax Collector and Administrator. Ms. Butch will be the primary contact and requested that all Council member emails be sent directly to her attention rather than the Secretary. Rather than forwarding information throughout the month, the Secretary will compile all information into one email and will distribute prior to the meeting.

Events

- **Possible Open House at Remarkable Sites:** Tabled due to Ms. Schloss' absence.

➤ **Clambake 2011 Evaluation**

- A draft finance report was distributed. A breakdown of ticket sales and lobster purchased with the purchase price was also distributed.
- Ms. Butch thanked Mr. Denardo for serving as head chef and chair of the event. Everyone agreed that the food was great and the event went well.
- Ran out of some food items including hot dogs which were purchased based on the number of children's tickets sold however, many adults ate hot dogs. Towards the end of the event, ran out of shrimp and pulled pork.
- The Secretary will scan and send out the Sam's Club and Lusty Lobster invoices.
- Donations were up from last year.
- Food prices have gone up over the years but the ticket price has remained the same. The ticket price should cover the cost of food and a rough calculation showed that costs were approximately \$26/ticket. Ticket prices will be discussed in the spring when planning the 2012 clambake.

➤ **Millstone Day**

- Sunday, September 18th at Frogbridge Day Camp.
- It is uncertain at this time if Tom Dancer of the Ag Council will be coordinating the tractor display.

Committee Reports

Finance: The 2011 Open Space Trust account activity summary was distributed for review.

Preservation Signage: Nothing to report.

Public Relations/Publications

- The newsletter will not be ready for the July tax mailing and will be a late summer or early fall edition rather than a spring edition.
- Alternatives to a separate mailing would be to post the newsletter electronically on the website and to leave hardcopies at specified places in town such as at the municipal buildings, post offices and local stores.
- There will be a clambake acknowledgement and thank you.
- The Secretary will email Ms. Schloss regarding the status of the newsletter.

Legislative Awareness

- Motor Vehicle Regulations for Agriculture: The Ag Council has written letters in an attempt to change old motor vehicle regulations banning oversized agriculture vehicles and machinery from highways on Sundays and holidays. A response was received from the Motor Vehicle Commission Chief Administrator that the restriction will be reviewed and possibly revised. The New Jersey Farm Bureau (NJFB) sent Mr. Asprocolas a letter commending the Ag Council on the steps taken to change the old regulation. The NJFB also acknowledged the action taken by the Ag Council in the June 10th edition of their newsletter. There will be a 60 day public comment period on a proposal to amend the regulation beginning August 1st.

Stewardship: Nothing new to report.

Watershed Committee Liaison: The committee has not had a meeting.

Recreation Planning Committee Liaison: The committee did not meet last month but will be taking a site tour of the property when the crop is harvested at Millstone Park. The committee is awaiting DEP feedback regarding placement of roads and parking lots as well as information about the dam.

Review Planning Board and Board of Adjustment Applications

- CKV Realty (Garden Center) Burnt Tavern Road: Nothing to report.

At 8:00 pm a Motion was made by Ms. Siedman with a Second offered by Mr. Denardo and by unanimous vote the Council moved to executive session.

At 8:36 pm the Council returned to regular session.

Having no further business to discuss, a Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Blanco with a Second offered by Mr. Denardo and by unanimous vote the meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine Maher
Council Secretary